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Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium

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Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is proposing to establish maximum residue limits (MRLs) for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium in or on field corn and wheat to permit the import and sale of foods containing such residues.

Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium is an herbicide currently registered in Canada for use on field corn.

The PMRA has determined the quantity of residues that are likely to remain in or on the imported food commodities when iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium is used according to label directions in the exporting country. The Agency has also determined that such residues will not be a concern to human health and is proposing to legally establish corresponding import MRLs. An MRL applies to the identified raw agricultural food commodity as well as to any processed food product that contains it, except where separate MRLs are specified for the raw agricultural commodity and a processed product made from it.

Details regarding the import MRLs can be found in the corresponding Evaluation Report available in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website, under Public Registry, Pesticide Product Information Database.[1]

Consultation on the proposed MRLs for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium is being conducted via this document (see Next Steps).

To comply with Canada's international trade obligations, consultation on the proposed MRLs is also being conducted internationally by notifying the World Trade Organization, as coordinated by the Standards Council of Canada.

The proposed MRLs in Canada in or on food, to be added to or replace the MRL already legally established for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium, are as follows.

Table 1 Proposed Maximum Residue Limits for Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium.

Common Name	Residue Definition	MRL (ppm)	Food Commodity
Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium	4-iodo-2[[[[(4-methoxyl-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoic acid methylester, monosodium salt	0.03[a]	Field corn
		0.02	Wheat

ppm = parts per million

[a] The MRL is proposed to replace the currently established 0.025 ppm MRL to accommodate imported field corn.

A list of pesticide MRLs established in Canada, as of the date indicated, can be found on the Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides webpage in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

[1] The relevant report can be accessed by selecting Applications/Amendment/Historical and requesting the Evaluation Report found under Application Number 2010-5714.

International Situation and Trade Implications

The MRLs proposed for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium in Canada are the same as the corresponding tolerances established in the United States. American tolerances are listed in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 180, by pesticide.

Currently, Codex Alimentarius MRLs[2] have not been established for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium in or on any commodity. A listing of established Codex MRLs is available on the Codex Alimentarius Pesticide Residues in Food website, by commodity or pesticide.

Next Steps

The PMRA invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed import MRLs for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium up to 75 days from the date of publication of this document. Please forward your comments to Publications (see the contact information on the cover page of this document). The PMRA will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposed MRLs for iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium and posting a corresponding Established Maximum Residue Limit document in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

[2] The Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international organization under the auspices of the United Nations that develops international food standards, including MRLs.